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DRY PEA PRODUCTION

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INCREASED IN 1968

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Dry pea production in 18 reporting countries totaled 28.1 million cwt. in 1968 compared with 25.3 million cwt. in 1967 and the 1960-64 average of 34.7 million. Unreported data from Mainland China and the USSR, the world's largest dry pea producers and other non-reporting countries, represent more than three-fourths of total world production.

Production in the U.S. of 3.7 million cwt. was 3 percent above the 3.6 million cwt. produced in 1967 but nearly 14 percent below the 1960-64 average of 5.0 million cwt. Output of Alaskas and other smooth green kinds, at 2.1 million cwt., was 6 percent above 1967, and seed pea output was up slightly. Yellow pea production was down sharply.

All European reporting countries with the exception of France and Spain indicated decreased production. Yugoslavia has discontinued dry pea reports because production is insignificant. Data previously reported as dry peas were found to be actually green peas.

PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: Acreage, yield and production in specified countries, average 1960-64, annual 1967 and 1968

Continent and country	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production			
	Average 1960-64	1967	1968 1/	Average 1960-64	1967	1968	Average 1960-64	1967	1968 1/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
North America:									
Canada	60	47	53	1,122	1,410	1,152	678	669	613
United States	318	234	245	1,364	1,253	1,217	4,335	3,623	3,738
Total	378	281	298	1,326	1,527	1,460	5,013	4,292	4,351
South America:									
Argentina	47	44	30	1,046	1,007	722	496	443	220
Chile	40	21	42	502	934	687	199	196	288
Colombia	111	109	124	493	527	535	546	573	661
Venezuela	9	9	9	455	487	483	40	49	55
Total	207	183	205	619	689	597	1,281	1,261	1,224
Europe:									
Belgium-Luxembourg	17	13	13	2,976	3,203	2,604	506	410	326
France	27	12	12	1,933	1,841	1,839	517	214	223
Germany, West	11	6	3	1,849	2,386	1,968	211	133	68
Italy	33	23	20	690	872	870	225	197	172
Netherlands	56	29	27	3,243	3,729	2,978	1,829	1,067	810
Spain	76	52	47	689	595	667	525	309	309
Sweden	21	10	10	1,173	1,551	1,567	252	161	159
United Kingdom	33	40	50	2,446	2,750	2,060	797	1,232	1,142
Total	274	185	182	1,774	2,012	1,763	4,862	3,723	3,209
Asia:									
India	3,028	2,740	3,000	742	548	600	22,466	15,013	18,100
Japan	31	17	15	1,037	1,055	981	318	180	146
Turkey	7	12	12	946	1,092	1,021	66	132	121
Total	3,066	2,769	3,027	745	553	607	22,850	15,325	18,367
Africa:									
Morocco	149	137	155	489	523	600	727	714	945
Grand Total	4,074	3,555	3,867	853	712	727	34,733	25,315	28,096

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